

**Galbreath Wildlands Preserve**  
**SONOMA STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**[www.sonoma.edu/galbreath](http://www.sonoma.edu/galbreath)**

Guidelines for Visiting GWP

The Galbreath Wildlands Preserve is operated and managed by the School of Science and Technology (SST). Please adhere to the following procedures when preparing for, engaging in, and concluding a visit to SSU's Galbreath Wildlands Preserve:

- 1) The leader of each group visiting GWP must complete an orientation trip to the preserve with the Preserve Director;
- 2) Electronically submit a GWP Use Form to the Preserve Director or the SST Dean for every proposed visit (this form can be downloaded from the GWP web page; see URL above);
- 3) Receive email confirmation/approval from Preserve Director or the Dean for each visit;
- 4) All individuals (except SSU faculty) must submit a liability waiver form to the Preserve Director or the SST Office prior to visiting GWP (this form can be downloaded from the GWP web page; see URL above);
- 5) During the rainy season (October through May), check the Boonville area weather forecast via the web (<http://ca.weather-forecast.ws/boonville>) to verify that rain is not predicted for your scheduled visit (GWP is closed to vehicular traffic during rainy periods and 2 rain-free days are required before vehicles are allowed on roads; visitors are welcome to walk the roads during rainy periods);
- 6) All visitors to GWP are required to bring the following items with them on each trip: a current map of GWP, emergency contact numbers, first aid kit, 2-way radios, shovel (rainy season only), toilet paper and latrine trowel, and Technu (for poison oak) (these items can be checked out from the Preserve Director);
- 7) Contact the Preserve Director 1 day prior to your approved trip to obtain any last-minute updates and instructions;
- 8) Check out a gate and bathroom key from the SST Office (keys will be issued only to individuals who have submitted Use Forms and received approval for their trip from the Preserve Director);
- 9) Make sure that at least 1 individual in your group has a fully charged cell phone (Verizon seems best) and that you know the cell-phone reception zones at GWP;
- 10) All individuals in your group must bring sufficient drinking water to meet their needs, as there is no potable water at GWP;
- 11) Always leave the GWP entrance gate locked;
- 12) For safety reasons, always visit GWP in pairs and preferably threes;
- 13) Carry out all trash generated while visiting the preserve;
- 14) Do not leave vehicles parked unattended on GWP roads, so as not to block passage by other vehicles;
- 15) Do not park vehicles along Elkhorn Road (parking is available to the right of the GWP entrance, inside a locked gate that the entrance key will open);
- 16) During the dry season (May-September), every vehicle that enters GWP must carry a shovel and fire extinguisher;
- 17) With permission from the Preserve Director, camp fires are allowed during the rainy season (November to May) in fire rings at the 2 designated camping areas (see map);
- 18) Firearms and weapons of any kind are not allowed at GWP;
- 19) Immediately upon returning safely from a trip to GWP, call the Preserve Director (664-2142) and leave a voicemail message;
- 20) Return all borrowed items – including the entrance and bathroom keys – to Preserve Director or the SST Office the following business day after your field trip.

### Additional Items

- a) In most cases, students are not allowed to visit GWP without being accompanied by a faculty or staff member. Occasional exceptions will be made with permission of the Preserve Director or the SST Dean;
- b) To conduct research at GWP, individuals need to submit Research Permit Applications to the Preserve Director for each separate project (this form can be downloaded from the GWP web page; see URL above);
- c) Most activities will be scheduled during the day but occasional overnight trips will be permitted.
- d) In all cases, visitors to the preserve will be required to adhere to SSU rules and policies (see [www.sonoma.edu/uaffairs/policies/](http://www.sonoma.edu/uaffairs/policies/));
- e) Only 4WD vehicles will be allowed on the roads during the rainy season, whereas 2WD vehicles with high clearance will be allowed during the dry seasons.